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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>ALBANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plants, plants products and other objects
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Draft law "On plant health". Language(s): Albanian. Number of pages: 68 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ALB/24_04965_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The draft law aims to determine the rules for determining phytosanitary risks from pests and to guarantee the protection of the plants health, plant products and other objects in Albania. The main purpose of this draft law is to take care of the health and conservation of these important resources, as well as to prevent the entry and spread of quarantine and regulated non-quarantine pests in the territory of the country. This measure aims to ensure that plants, plant products and other objects are protected from pests that can destroy these resources or reduce their quality. This is an important step in conserving biodiversity and securing natural resources that are essential for food, the environment and the economy. To achieve this goal, this draft law aims to create a strong and effective legal basis to protect the health of plants, plant products and other objects. In particular, this draft law aims to ensure an effective system of monitoring and control of pests, as well as to establish the necessary measures to prevent their entry into the country's territory. This draft law considered as an important link in the food chain and in the preservation of the environment. Through the rules and measures defined in this draft law, it is intended to ensure that plants and plant products are safe and healthy for consumers and remain sustainable resources for the future. The draft law "On plant health" is approximation of the Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2027</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2025</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2027</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 September 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development General Directorate in the Field of Food Safety, Veterinary, Plant Protection and Fishery Tel: +(355) 4 2226 911 E-mail: info@bujgesia.gov.al Website: http://www.bujgesia.gov.al</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development General Directorate in the Field of Food Safety, Veterinary, Plant Protection and Fishery SPS Enquiry Point- Albania Tel: +(355) 4 2226 911 E-mail: blerina.luke@bujgesia.gov.al Website: http://www.bujgesia.gov.al</p>